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THE COMMERCIAL CLUB ACTS

On Matter of Proposed Removal of Postal Telegraph Office from Socorro.

The telephone company has a contract with the Postal Telegraph company for the handling of their Magdalena and Kelly business through the Socorro office. Last Saturday Captain Matthews received a request from the Postal authorities asking to be allowed to conduct their Magdalena and Kelly business through another office, for the reason that they would like to discontinue their Socorro office on account of lack of business. Captain Matthews referred the matter to the Commercial Club. A meeting of the club was called and a committee consisting of Messrs. M. Cooney, John E. Griffith, Geo. E. Cook, and E. W. Eaton was elected to draft resolutions upon the subject. The committee's resolutions were unanimously adopted as follows:

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, A proposition is being entertained to remove the Postal Telegraph office from Socorro, due to the falling off of patronage; and

Whereas, An effort is being made to divert the business tributary to Socorro through the San Marcial office; therefore be it Resolved, By the Socorro Commercial Club, who largely represent the business interests of Socorro by such action; that the reason given is not due to business conditions, but to the employment of incompetent operators; and that we pledge the support of the members of this club and the business community to again support the Postal Telegraph company as soon as proper service is restored and maintained; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished to Capt. T. J. Matthews, manager of the telephone company, and to W. C. Black of the Postal Telegraph company.

M. COONEY,
JOHN E. GRIFFITH,
Geo. E. COOK,
E. W. EATON,
Committee.

Some Queries From Dennis

Socorro, N. M., March 20.
Mr. Editor:

In view of the many epithets of the Morning Journal with which they have regaled their readers during the legislative session, I would ask, What should we call the majority of the late council who so persistently tried to pass a law to get free grazing in Socorro county? I would suggest "Robberbund." And what should we call those statesmen of the good government league of Bernalillo, the holier than thou crowd, who tumbled over one another to vote "Yes" on the robber measure? How would would "Skinembund" do? When patriots combine in a legislative assembly to hold up and rob a county of its legitimate revenue, they would hold up an individual on the forest reserve and take his tobacco, is the opinion of

DENNIS.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars free.

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Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Oats, oats, oats for sale at Geo. E. Cook's livery stable.

STOCKMEN ARE WONDERING

Influx of Settlers into New Mexico Giving them Food for Thought.

Cattle and sheep men are wondering what will become of their industry if the present influx of settlers keeps up. Those who have been depending on the free government range for the feeding of their stock—and many of them have—realize that in a few years they will be "up against it" for pasturage, unless they have secured possession of sufficient grazing land to support their sheep or cattle.

The man who, without having acquired any large holdings of land, but who has been making his living from a small flock of sheep or bunch of cattle run on the open range, of necessity, when his range is taken up by tillers of the soil, will have to go out of business. But if this land in small farms is valuable to others, it certainly is also valuable to him in the same way, and he will not suffer by the change of business, for if it be possible for those settlers to make a living by farming on 160 acres of land, it is certainly valuable to him in the same way.

One of our principal stockmen, who is the owner of several hundred acres of land in this vicinity, expressed himself in this way: "Whenever," he said, "that my land, by reason of its farming possibilities, becomes worth \$5 to \$10 an acre, I consider it too valuable to run sheep or cattle on, and if farming is shown to be successful and he believes it will be my land will be much more valuable farmed than if it be used as range."

It would seem that the day of the small sheep and cattleman is over. This industry will have to be left to the owner of large tracts where stock may run undisturbed by settlers seeking homes.

And who will say that the settler is not a boon to the country? He comes with brains and energy which he accentuates on one small tract, and with intelligence and hard labor makes the small tract produce many fold more than it ever did. He establishes cities, churches, schools, and with hard common sense aids in legislation which is productive of great good to civilization.—Roy Spanish American.

THE LECTURE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Report Shows That Receipts and Expenditures Balanced

Prof. R. W. Twining, who was chosen treasurer by those who guaranteed the cost of the course of five entertainments given in Socorro during the winter, makes a report of receipts and expenditures as follows:

RECEIPTS.	
Season tickets.....	\$250.00
Box office.....	\$2.50
Total.....	\$302.50
EXPENDITURES	
Paid lecture bureau.....	\$250.00
Rent of opera house.....	50.00
Advertising.....	2.50
Total.....	\$302.50

GOOD SERVICE REWARDED

Chief Clerk W. E. Martin Handsomely Remembered by the Council.

Hon. W. E. Martin must have rendered satisfactory service as chief clerk of the council during the session of the thirty-seventh legislative assembly. The Santa Fe New Mexican, speaking of the closing incidents of the session, says: "Mr. Chaves of Valencia, after a short address presented to Chief Clerk W. E. Martin, on behalf of the Council, a costly silver service and a diamond shirt stud. Mr. Martin responded in an appropriate speech in which he thanked the members of the Council and expressed his happiness in having been their chief clerk."

Two Good milch cows wanted. E. L. Eisenhart. Phone 24.

Fresh vegetables at Winkler's

APPROPRIATION BILL

Compromise Measure Finally Passes Both Houses. Generous Sums to Educational Institutions. School of Mines Receives \$15,000 for Current Expenses and \$15,000 for a Dormitory.

Contrary to expectations in some quarters the thirty-seventh legislative assembly agreed upon and passed a general appropriation bill. The original bill drafted by the house committee and passed by the house was promptly rejected by the council. The house even more promptly rejected the substitute passed by the council. The situation became strained and it was freely predicted that the two houses would fail to agree upon any compromise measure, in which case the appropriations of two years ago would have been continued for another period of two years. However, each house finally chose seven members of a conference committee, and this committee drafted a general appropriation bill which met the approval of the legislature and the executive.

The principal features of the bill are as follows:

Interest on the bonded debt \$20,000.

For the several territorial institutions:

School of Mines, \$15,000.

Agricultural College, \$16,000.

Normal School, Silver City, \$16,000.

Normal School, Las Vegas, \$16,000, and \$1,500 for a summer normal school.

Military Institute, \$17,000.

Insane Asylum, \$60,000.

University, \$22,500.

Miners' hospital, \$5,000.

Blind Asylum, \$12,500.

Deaf and Dumb Asylum, Santa Fe, \$7,500.

The sum of \$12,500 is appropriated to pay the expenses of students who may be appointed by members of the legislature to any of the several territorial institutions. The act provides that each member of the legislature shall have the right to appoint one such student.

The bond issue of \$125,000, to be known as territorial institution bonds, goes with the compromise bill, the bonds being voted to the several territorial institutions as follows:

For the New Mexico School of Mines at Socorro, \$15,000.

For the Agricultural College, \$30,000.

For the Silver City Normal School, \$10,000.

For the Las Vegas Normal School, \$10,000.

For the Roswell Military Institute, \$20,000.

For the University, \$30,000.

For the Miners' hospital at Raton, \$10,000.

No riders are attached to the bill.

One of the notable features of this bill is a provision which orders that the tax levy necessary to be levied under the bill shall in no case exceed the sum of 14 mills, the amount of the present territorial tax rate, and in case 14 mills should not realize the amount necessary to meet the appropriation carried then such appropriations shall be pro-rated. There is no question that 14 mills will realize the amount necessary, but the provision is a safe one.

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Notes on Doings of Closing Days of Interest to Chieftain Readers.

The following notes on the proceedings of the closing days of the session of the thirty-seventh legislative assembly will be of interest to readers of The Chieftain:

The act to reimburse W. E. Martin, clerk of the third judicial district court, for expenses for deputy hire passed the council by a unanimous vote. The act passed the house by a viva voce vote.

The council by unanimous vote passed the bill relative to the settlement of the accounts of public officials. The bill became a law. The act to abolish the office of public printer passed the council and the house.

The educational bill passed the house almost without opposition. One feature of the bill provides for the election of county superintendent with qualifications along educational lines.

The council promptly rejected the general appropriation bill originating in the house and the house no less promptly rejected the substitute bill passed by the council. A joint committee composed of seven members from each chamber was then chosen to draft and report a compromise bill.

The floor of the house was the scene of a personal encounter Monday between Messrs. Holt of Dona Ana county and Hudspeth of Lincoln county.

The house committee appointed to investigate Governor Hagerman's official conduct in connection with the sale of certain public lands to the Pennsylvania Development company reported the governor's action illegal and improper.

By unanimous consent Mr. Green introduced a bill Wednesday providing for free access to all salt on territorial lands.

The governor refused to sign the act abolishing the office of public printer. He declared that a section of the compiled laws providing for the letting of printing to the lowest bidder was still in force.

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TERRITORIAL OFFICIALS

Named by the Governor and Confirmed by the Council Tuesday.

Nominations by the governor were confirmed by the upper house of the territorial legislature Tuesday as follows:
Auditor—W. G. Sargent.
Treasurer—Levi Hughes.
Traveling Auditor—Charles V. Safford.

Game Warden—W. E. Griffith.
Land Commissioner—Robert P. Ervine of Union county.

Coal Oil Inspector—James M. Duncan, San Miguel county.

Superintendent of Insurance—Jacobo Chavez, of Valencia county.

Irrigation Engineer—V. L. Sullivan of Eddy county.

Members of Board of Equalization—R. J. Palen, of Santa Fe; E. V. Chaves, of Valencia county; Frank P. Jones, of Grant county; Hilton Letz, of Colfax county; J. T. Hincle, of Chaves county; Martin Lohman, of Dona Ana county; E. A. Miera, of Sandoval county.

Cattle Sanitary Board—E. R. Manning, of Colfax; W. E. McDonald, of Lincoln; Charles L. Ballard, of Chaves; E. J. Austin and Victor Culbertson of Grant county; and Geo. W. Baker of Union county.

LA JOYA REPORTS

Mrs. Marillita L. Trujillo is also bedridden with an attack of asthma. Her children, Don Celso Lopez and wife, attend her at Ranchos.

Don German Contreras from Snake ranch is visiting with his parents, Don Matias and Dona Aniceta, at the family mansion at San Jose.

Don Eliseo Peralta, nephew and son-in-law of our Don Leandro Baca, on last Tuesday was suddenly stricken with a serious stroke of paralysis. His condition is serious.

Mrs. Ysabelita Contreras, the widow of the late Don Ambrosio Gonzales, was on last Saturday morning taken suddenly sick with palsy and general debility. She is somewhat better.

The much desired and valuable patent for the La Joya de Seville Grant on last Monday at a numerous and enthusiastic gathering of the owners at the beautiful school house in La Joya, was presented by Hon. Leopoldo Contreras the Secretary of the Board of the Grant Trustees. The rich grant embraces 272,221 acres.

His Grace Bishop J. B. Pitaval with our parish priest, Rev. German Charrie, on last Friday administered the sacrament of confirmation to the children of Ranchos. Our new chapel was consecrated, the sponsors being Hon. Matias Contreras and wife, Dona Aniceta, and young Don Emiliano and mother, Mrs. Don Abran Contreras.

St. Patrick's Day was pleasantly observed up at Kelly, as will be seen from the following from a correspondent at that place:

Kelly, N. M. March 20.
Editor Chieftain:

There was a ball given in our town last Saturday in honor of Saint Patrick, and it was one of the best balls ever given here. Everybody had a good time and went home thoroughly satisfied. Quadrilles, two-steps, and waltzes were on the dance program, the music being furnished by a Socorro orchestra composed of Messrs. Manuel Marquez, Procopio Cisneros, and Abel Trujillo. Mr. and Mrs. Wolf gave as good a supper as was ever given in the town at the Clark hotel. John Brown was floor manager, E. Brittenstene door keeper, and Teodoro Gonzales marshal. There were about a hundred people at the ball, a good many of them being dancers from Magdalena. As high as thirty-two couples were dancing at one time. The ball opened at 9 o'clock in the evening and closed at 4 o'clock the next morning, and every minute of the time was enjoyed.

Respectfully,
Correspondent.

SCARLET FEVER AT MESILLA

Several College Students Afflicted, One Dies and Work Is Suspended.

Mesilla Park has had a full fledged scarlet fever scare this week. The outbreak of the disease came last Saturday morning when it was discovered that three girls in the dormitory at the Agricultural College were afflicted. One student, John Sullivan, of Farmington, died of the disease Monday night. Work has been suspended at the College all the week and every possible effort has been made to stamp out the disease. No new cases are reported and it is hoped that it will be possible to resume work at the College in a few days.

Two-Year-Olds Bring \$19.

A press dispatch from Carlsbad under date of March 19 says: "J. J. Draper sold 1,000 two-year-old Hereford steers at \$19 each, this being about top price for range steers this season."

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the friends and neighbors whose kindness was a source of so great comfort to us in the hour of our recent bereavement in the loss of wife and mother.

C. A. BACA AND CHILDREN.

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THE ANTI-GAMBLING BILL

Passes Both Houses of the Legislature and Is Signed by the Governor.

The Spiess anti-gambling bill passed both houses of the territorial legislature and was signed by the governor Thursday. The new law does not go into effect, however, until January 1, 1908. This provision was incorporated in the law for the reason that many of the game keepers had already paid their licenses for the year 1907 and had also expended considerable sums of money for furniture and equipment. The sentiment against gambling has been gaining strength rapidly in New Mexico of late and the action of the territorial legislature in passing the Spiess bill will be a source of great satisfaction to a majority of the people of the territory.

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